IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Each product includes a monomer unit with the following formula:

$$-ORS_nR^1OA$$
- or $-OAOR^1S_nR$ -

wherein:

O and S have their normal meaning of oxygen and sulfur;

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Where the composition is formed from the reactants in a mole ratio of its reactants of between about 1:1 and up to and including 2:1 or even greater, and has molecular weight below about 5000 dal, it is referred to as "extended monomer;" the extended monomer will have one of the following formulae:

- (a) $MF_m ORS_n R^1 O M^1$; or
- (b) $MZAORS_nR^1F^I_mOAZ^1M^1$,

wherein:

O and S have their normal meaning of oxygen and sulfur;

n is at least 2 and not more than about 8, usually in the range of about 2 to 4, more usually in the range of 2 to 3; F is of the formula -ORS_nR¹OA-; F^{l} is of the formula –OAORS_nR¹-; m is at least 1; Z and Z^1 are oxy or amino; Page 6, lines 20 - 29 The high molecular weight poly(thioesters) have the formula: $Xf_m OX^1$ wherein: f is the group $-ORS_nR^1OA$ -;

X is H or HOA-;

X¹ is H or -RS_nR¹OH;